

## Bureau of Land Management, Interior

## § 3602.47

case basis as described in § 3000.11 of this chapter and § 3602.43.

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### § 3602.45 What final steps will BLM take before issuing me a contract?

(a) *Ability to perform.* BLM may require you to furnish information we find necessary to determine whether you are able to meet the obligations of the contract.

(b) *Reasons for denying a contract.* We will deny you the contract, even if you made the highest bid, if—

(1) We determine that you are unable to meet the obligations of the contract,

(2) You are unwilling to accept the terms of the contract, or

(3) BLM rejects all bids.

(c) *Refund of deposit.* If BLM denies you a contract under paragraph (b)(1) or (b)(3) of this section, we will refund your deposit.

(d) *Awarding a contract.* BLM will notify you of your contract award by presenting you with or sending you the contract.

(e) *Accepting a contract.* If BLM awards you the contract, you must, within 60 days after receiving it, sign and return the contract, together with a performance bond and mining and reclamation plan when BLM requires them. BLM may extend this period an additional 30 days if you request it in writing within the first 60-day period. If you fail to sign and return the contract within the first 60-day period, or an approved 30-day extension period, you will forfeit the bid deposit.

(f) *Awarding the contract to the second-highest bidder.* If BLM determines that you are unable to meet the obligations of the contract, or if you fail to sign and return the contract within the time period specified, BLM may offer and award the contract for the amount of the high bid to the person making the next highest complete bid. That person must be qualified and willing to accept the contract, and must re-deposit the amount required under § 3602.44(b).

(g) *Contract form.* BLM will make all sales on BLM standard contract forms approved by the Director, Bureau of Land Management. We will include as necessary additional provisions and

stipulations in the contract to conform to the provisions of the competitive sale notice and to address environmental concerns or other site-specific issues.

### § 3602.46 What is the term of a competitive contract?

The term of the contract will be in the sales notice. BLM will not issue a competitive contract for the sale of mineral materials for a term exceeding 10 years. However, the 10-year period does not include any contract extension under § 3602.27, any contract renewal under § 3602.47, and any periods for removal of equipment and improvements under § 3601.52 of this part.

### § 3602.47 When and how may I renew my competitive contract and what is the fee?

(a) *Applying for competitive contract renewal.* When you have paid the United States the full contract price for the mineral materials you purchased under a competitive contract, you may apply for renewal of the contract without further competitive bidding in order to purchase and extract additional material that may be available at the contract site. You must submit your request for renewal of the contract at least 90 days before it expires. You do not need to use a specific form.

(b) *BLM's response to the application.* BLM will renew your contract if—

(1) You meet all the requirements of this section;

(2) Your contract is not limited under § 3602.49; and

(3) BLM determines that you are able to fulfill the obligations of a new contract.

(c) *Renewal term.* BLM will renew your contract for a maximum term of 10 additional years. The renewal may be for less than 10 years if you do not request that much time, or if BLM finds that the quantity of material involved does not justify a 10-year term.

(d) *Number of times BLM may renew a contract.* There is no maximum number of times BLM may renew a contract.

(e) *Fee.* BLM will charge a processing fee on a case-by-case basis as described in § 3000.11 of this chapter.

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